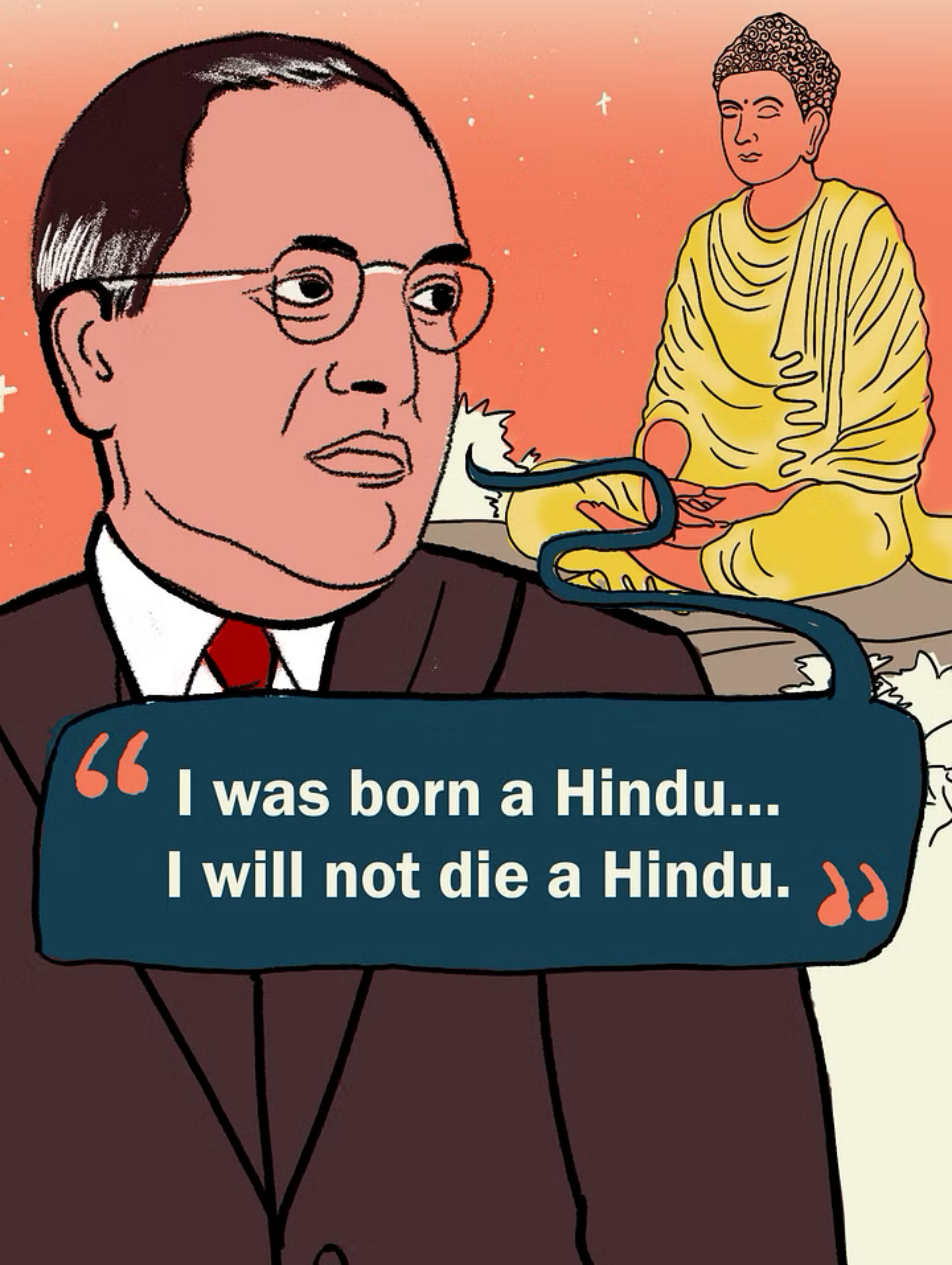


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DALIT BUDDHIST MOVEMENT



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Dr BR Ambedkar, along with over 3,65,000 Dalit followers converted to Buddhism. They rejected Hinduism, challenged the caste system and resolved to fight for Dalit rights.

“Religion is for man and not man for religion. I like the religion (Buddhism) that teaches liberty, equality, fraternity. I was born a Hindu... I will not die a Hindu.”

**– Dr BR Ambedkar
Dalit Leader
Architect of India's Constitution
(May 1936, Mumbai)**



— THE FIRST — DECLARATION OF INTENT



1935

Ambedkar announced his intent to leave Hinduism, and asked Dalits to convert to another religion.



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